

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on July 26, 2004. It was agreed that the reference mentioned on page 3, line 1, should be "Boltz" and not "Ghisler". The Examiner also stated that if the claims were amended to recite that the mobile station has a unique phone number it would improve the chances for allowance although the Examiner would not commit to an allowance.

In Boltz no messages are received. Further, all the referred portions of Boltz (col. 6, ll. 40-47, and col. 7, ll. 27-59) are silent of transmitting text. The only common feature seems to be that in the system of Boltz, the user may have a primary and a secondary phone. The other features of the claims of the present invention are missing from Boltz.

Considering the basic problem of Boltz a little bit further, the field of invention relates to two mobile stations having the same MSISDN, i.e., both the terminals have the same phone number. This is repeated in the beginning of Summary of the Invention. At the end of page 13 of the present application it is mentioned: *"The mobile subscriber can also store all the identification data of his or her SIM cards (mobile station telephone numbers) in the memory means 9 of his or her mobile stations, wherein the activation takes place, e.g., in the following way."* Therefore in the system of the present application the primary and secondary phones can have (and usually have) or are associated with a unique phone number.

The IMSI is a unique non-dialable number allocated to each mobile subscriber in the GSM system that identifies the subscriber and

his or her subscription within the GSM network. The IMSI resides in the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM), which is transportable across Mobile Station Equipment (MSE). The IMSI is made up of three parts (1) the mobile country code (MCC) consisting of three digits, (2) the Mobile Network Code (MNC) consisting of two digits, and (3) the Mobile Subscriber Identity Number (MSIN) with up to 10 digits.

The MSISDN is the dialable number that callers use to reach a mobile subscriber.

This feature has been inserted in the claims so that all the secondary mobile phones have or are associated with their own MSISDN. One problem relating to this feature is disclosed in the beginning of page 5 of the present application as follows:

"However, call transmission is not a useful function, e.g., in situations in which one wishes to transfer the calls and messages coming in a certain telecommunication terminal to different telecommunication terminals, or to transfer only incoming messages. In systems of currently known technology, this requires that the sender of the message has, at the moment of transmission, knowledge of the number of the mobile station used by the recipient for receiving messages at that time. Consequently, the sender must select the number."

Boltz does not provide a solution to this kind of problem because in Boltz the MSISDN is the same in both the primary and secondary phones. Therefore, an expert in the field would not use Boltz in solving the problem disclosed in the present application. See Ex parte Granneman 68 USPQ2d 1219, 1221.

Similarly, Pepe fails to disclose the above feature, and thus combining it with Boltz fails to result in the present invention. Further since the problems are different, there is no motivation to combine in the first place.

The independent claims all recite that the mobile station has (claims 1-18) or is associated with (claims 19-36) a unique calling number. Since this is not in Boltz and Pepe, even when taken in combination, the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-13, 15 and 18 under 35 USC 103 on these references should be withdrawn.

Ghisler also fails to disclose this feature. Thus the rejection of claims 8 and 17 should be withdrawn.

Nguyen also fails to disclose this feature. Thus the rejection of claims 3,7,14 and 16 should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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